

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A machine comprising:

- (a) a dough feeding hopper;
- (b) a dough cutting apparatus mounted at one side of the longitudinal development of the machine, said dough cutting apparatus has a length corresponding to the length of a cutting apparatus in a machine capable of producing dough portions substantially lighter than ~~0.7 lb.~~ 0.7 lb.;

- (c) a dough extrusion apparatus comprising:

- (i) a first dough distributor adapted to render the machine compatible with the performance of the machine capable of producing dough portions substantially lighter than 0.7 lb. [[and]];

- (ii) a second dough distributor, interchangeable with said first dough distributor, said second dough distributor comprising a cone having a longitudinal axis which is substantially inclined toward the dough cutting apparatus with respect to the longitudinal development of the machine; [[and]]

- (d) an extruded dough portion control apparatus,

wherein:

(e) said first dough distributor is adapted to cooperate with said dough cutting apparatus and said extruded dough portion control apparatus to produce dough portions in the range of 0.1-0.7 lb.; and

(f) said second dough distributor, when interchanged with said first dough distributor, is adapted to cooperate with said dough cutting apparatus and with said extruded dough portion control apparatus to produce dough portions heavier than 0.7 lb.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A machine according to claim 22, wherein said second dough distributor, when interchanged with said first dough distributor, is adapted to cooperate with said dough cutting apparatus and with said extruded dough portion control apparatus to produce dough portions up to ~~1.5 lb~~ to 1.5 lb.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 22, wherein said dough extrusion apparatus comprises a screw feeder.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 22, wherein said second dough distributor cooperates with a dough worm support apparatus.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 25, wherein said dough worm support apparatus supports a dough worm until said cutting apparatus cuts the dough worm, thereby avoiding falling of the dough portion prior to cutting.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A machine comprising:

(a) means for feeding dough;

(b) means for cutting the dough mounted at one side of a longitudinal development of the machine, said means for cutting has a length corresponding to the length of a cutter in a machine capable of producing dough portions substantially lighter than ~~0.7 lb.~~, 0.7 lb.;

(c) means for extruding the dough, comprising:

(i) first means for distributing the dough adapted to render the machine compatible with the performance of the machine capable of producing dough portions substantially lighter than 0.7 lb.; and

(ii) second means for distributing the dough, said second means for distributing the dough comprising a cone having a longitudinal axis which is substantially inclined ~~toward~~ towards the means for cutting with respect to said longitudinal development of the machine; and

(d) means for controlling an extruded portion of the dough,

wherein:

(e) said first means for distributing the dough is adapted to cooperate with said means for cutting the dough and said means for controlling an extruded portion to produce dough portions in the range of 0.1-0.7 lb.; and

(f) said second means for distributing the dough, when interchanged with said first means for distributing the dough, is adapted to cooperate with said means for cutting the dough and with said means for controlling an extruded portion to produce dough portions heavier than 0.7 lb.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 27, wherein said second means for distributing the dough, when interchanged with said first means for distributing the dough, is adapted to cooperate with said means for cutting the dough and with said means for controlling an extruded dough portion to produce dough portions up to 1.5 lb.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 27, wherein said means for extruding the dough comprises a screw feeder.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 27, wherein said second means for distributing the dough is a horizontal distributor which is adapted to cooperate with a means for supporting a dough worm.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A machine according to claim 30, wherein said means for supporting the dough worm supports a dough worm until said means for cutting the dough cuts said dough worm, thereby avoiding falling of the dough portion prior to cutting.